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REPORT —TO OUR READERS-OWNERS

'Calculated Instrument'
Dr. Goodrich C. Schaffner of Portland, Ore., told a convention of physicians in Chicago recently that illegitimate births among girls in the teen-age bracket have doubled in the last 15 years. He said:

"It must be recognized as a background to the observation that there is a greatly increased awareness of sex in the younger group, stimulated and maintained by sex hysteria, which is a calculated instrument of modern journalism and so-called entertainment trends."

"That is a telling and useful phrase: 'sex hysteria'... a calculated instrument of modern journalism."

Unfortunately, many labor papers imitate the commercial dailies by using this same 'calculated instrument' of a certain well known type for that sole purpose, usually with a hypocritical smirk informing the reader in the caption that the female in question belongs to some AFL outfit.

Victorian? Puritan?
Any newspaperman who opposes this practice is promptly informed that he is a Victorian, or, most devastating of all, that he is a Puritan.

But Dr. Schaffner doesn't talk in terms of Victorianism or Puritanism. He talks in terms of blood and flesh and brain realism. He says "some girls scarcely into adolescence suffer from a bosom inferiority complex" which is dangerous to their mental health, and adds:

"In my own practice I have had one attempted suicide and several serious and total derangements contingent upon real or fancied breast irregularities."

These are serious matters, not to be lightly brushed aside by sneers at assumed Victorianism or Puritanism. Every labor man or woman with young girls in the family has not only a right but a duty to pay earnest attention to this subject, and to stop and realize the damage the press is doing with this "calculated instrument."

Assault on Civilization
East Bay Labor Journal during the past years has been sneered at repeatedly because of its inflexible policy of excluding this "calculated instrument" from its columns. We're glad to have those sneers.

The labor press, we believe, should not shamelessly imitate the average commercial daily in the innumerable devices employed to exploit the lowest taste, the most vulgar impulses. Rather the labor press should try to set a good example, to be more decent, more civilized in all respects than is the average commercial daily.

This particular "calculated instrument" of which Dr. Schaffner speaks is only one of the many utilized by the dailies. Much of the corruption that afflicts our sports world, for example, is directly due to undue exploitation of events in this field by the dailies. This undue publicity builds up huge gate receipts, huge temptations, until clean sport is befouled with dirty racketeering.

In none of these matters should the labor press assist the daily press in its assault on civilization.

Willard Nelson Elected Milk Drivers' Trustee

Willard Nelson was elected a trustee of Milk Wagon Drivers 302 at a special runoff election held last Friday at Cooks Union Hall.

Following the election, a regular special meeting was held during which all newly elected officers were installed for the ensuing term.

School Figures Show How Southern End of This County Is Growing

In 1947 the total number of graduates from the four rural high school districts in southern Alameda county was 635.

This year these districts have a senior class enrollment of 1366. County School Superintendent Vaughn D. Seidel estimates that by 1960 there will be twice as many in the senior class of the four schools, and that by 1966 the number will be 4000.

During the past year, school enrollment in the rural and suburban southern end of the county increased 13.4 percent as compared to 3.1 percent in the northern urban end of the county, says Seidel.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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27th General Convention
UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA
CARPENTER CONVENTIONEERS—Shown above are some of the prominent East Bay local representatives who attended one of the most interesting and successful conventions ever held by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. This one, the 27th General Convention, was held in Cincinnati, Ohio from November 15 through November 20, 1954. Pictured (left to right) are Joseph E. Cambiano, president of the State Council of Carpenters and International Executive Board member; Charles Roe, business representative of Hayward Carpenters 1622; John J. Walsh, president of Carpenters 36; Earl Risley, business representative of Local 36; Chester R. Bartolini, secretary of the San Francisco Bay District Council of Carpenters; and Ernest Crow, Local 36 financial secretary. The huge masses of flowers in the foreground represent more than 1250 roses and gardenias donated and shipped to Roe by the Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM NEIL HAGGERTY

By C. J. HAGGERTY, Secretary-Treasurer
California State Federation of Labor

For almost 2,000 years the world has been moved by the message of brotherhood which came from Bethlehem.

The inspirational life of American labor owes its existence to the vision which its early leaders caught of man imprisoned in an industrial society.

To be sure, the labor movement means more than this, but unless its economic ambitions are seriously tied to a sense of social consciousness, it must perish before superior material power.

In the pursuit of immediate goals we tend by nature to forget that grasp of brotherhood which united workers against a common tyranny. In success, we forget our origins. Or worse, we deny them. The disease is contagious. And fatal.

The problem requires a renewal of labor faith, a recognition that the movement is something more than a five and dime counter for the negotiation of progress without flesh and blood.

Again, from the purely practical point, we can have no functional unity without a sense of brotherhood. Whatever our disputes, we are of one family. Whatever our conflicts, we are still our brother's keeper.

Hence, both our social and economic traditions direct us back to days when harassed and hunted men founded our movement. This is not to reverse the calendar, but only to claim the nobility of our 19th century origins. Our origins of brotherhood, for example, whereby an injury to one was accepted as the concern of all.

As workers in a common struggle, may we share a merry and a thoughtful Christmas.

Jim Quinn Job to Be Non-Elective?

There is no longer any reason why members of the State Board of Equalization should be elected officials, in the opinion of most tax experts, says Assemblyman Caspar Weinberger, San Francisco Republican.

Weinberger says this was brought out at hearings held by his interim committee, the idea being that now that liquor control has been taken from the Board of Equalization, it is little more than a tax appeals board.

Weinberger's committee had much to do with getting Proposition 13 on the November ballot, which set up the new Alcohol Beverage Control arrangements which Col. Leitch is to head.

James H. Quinn of Oakland, who carries a card in Steamfitters 342, is the Board of Equalization member for this district.

State Fed Ready For Legislature

State Federation of Labor legislative headquarters will open in Hotel Senator, Sacramento, Monday, January 3, first day of the 1955 general session of the Legislature.

"Essence of the positive State AFL program for the 1955 session will be the effort to liberalize unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workmen's compensation laws," said C. J. Haggerty, State Federation secretary-treasurer.

The big fight of the session may prove to be an intensive effort by anti-labor forces to pass a compulsory open shop law. The State Chamber of Commerce, following the lead of the U. S. has endorsed the idea.

Union Ousted as Lefty Wins at Oakland GE

The independent United Electrical Workers Union, kicked out of the CIO five years ago on the ground that it was Communist-dominated, has retained its hold on the workers in the Oakland and San Francisco General Electric plants.

Recently the UE in representation elections conducted by the NLRB defeated CIO International Electrical Workers Union in those plants.

De Christofaro on Mend At Local Hospital

Gene De Christofaro, the popular AFL organizer working out of Western Director Daniel Flanagan's office, is at Providence Hospital "feeling pretty good" after suffering a slight heart attack on December 10.

De Christofaro, in a phone conversation with East Bay Labor Journal, reported that he will be hospitalized for possibly two more weeks but that he's feeling well enough to receive visitors.

Only Liberal Demo Paper in L. A. Sold To Anti-Laborites

The Daily Mirror of Los Angeles, belonging to the Chandler family, which publishes the bitterly anti-labor Los Angeles Times, has bought the Los Angeles Daily News, the only Democratic liberal paper in the big city to the south.

Publisher Clinton D. McKinnon, the former Congressman who was the Democratic candidate for the Senate against William F. Knowland in 1952, said the name, circulation lists, and certain features were being sold to the Chandler interests, but the plant had not been bought by the Chandlers.

The circulation lists are of particular interest to the AFL unions in Los Angeles which had been carrying on a drive to get people to stop subscribing to the Chandler papers and to take the Daily News instead. This drive was carried on at the same time some of the AFL people in Los Angeles were united with the Chandlers in supporting Goody Knight for Governor. Week after week the Los Angeles Labor citizen, the AFL paper there, had on the front page appealed to support the Chandler candidate for Governor, and to quit taking the Chandler papers.

However, when Mrs. Chandler was appointed to the UC Board of Regents by Knight these same AFL pro-Knightists temporarily checked their Chandler alliance at the counter, and went in punching at Knight for having named a member of their political ally's family to the Regency.

The only choice left in Los Angeles now is between the two Hearst papers, also pro-Knight, and the two Chandler papers.

McKinnon in announcing that the L. A. News was giving up the ghost said that when he took over as publisher in December of 1953 he had hoped by economizing to keep the paper going, but that he had only been able to cut the deficit in half.

The 450 employees, he said, would get their wages to date, but the amount of severance pay that could be put on the line was uncertain.

Miller Back From European Mission

School Board In Moves to Modify Bad Overcrowding

The Oakland Board of Education took several steps this week to alleviate double sessions and overcrowding in the schools. Steps taken included:

1. The reclaiming by June 1955 of three portable school units now being used by nurseries. The units are planned for use during the Fall term.

2. Earmarking funds for the purchase of the 16-acre King site in the Oak Knoll district for the eventual construction of a new elementary and junior high school. Last week the board voted to set aside funds for the purchase of the Thornhill site above the present Montclair school.

3. Voted to take bids for the tearing down of the old Franklin school at 9th and Foothill, and

4. Referred to architects the preparation of plans for the building of a portion of a permanent structure at the Franklin site. The new structure, expected to be completed by February 1956, will include seven classrooms and office and toilet facilities.

School Board Member John J. King reported that School Superintendent Selmer H. Berg had warned that the steps listed above would completely exhaust the present building fund of \$332,000 which was voted by Oaklanders in the 1945 bond election.

Roofers 81 Elect Officers for 1955

William Phalanger, financial secretary-treasurer, and S. A. Summers, business agent, were re-elected to their 8th consecutive terms at the annual election of officers of AFL Roofers 81 held in the Labor Temple on December 15.

Other officers elected for the coming year included C. Silvera, president; J. H. Fredericks, vice-president; Franklin C. Hesse, recording secretary; L. O. Blodgett, and Franklin C. Hesse, Joseph Vaira and Charles Young, trustees.

Executive Board members elected were L. E. Cox, Frank Esperance, J. H. Fredericks, Eddie Gregg, George Haskins, L. H. Thomas and Joseph Vaira.

Delegates to the Alameda County Building Trades Council: Fredericks, Phalanger, Silvera and Summers.

Delegates to the Contra Costa B.T.C.: R. H. Shelton and Summers.

Members of the Conference Board: Esperance, Gregg, Phalanger, Summers and Vaira.

Labor Temple Association: business agent: Summer.

Cement Masons' Election Returns

Members of Cement Masons 595 held their annual union election of officers on December 16 with the following results:

Archie Talley, president; Major Ganson, vice-president; Bruce Dillashaw, business agent; Martin Dias, recording secretary; Thorvald Jensen, sergeant-at-arms; and James Davis, George Foster and George Wendover, trustees.

Others elected included: Executive Board members: Ralph Crooks, James Davis, Martin Dias, George Foster and Abel Gomez.

Building Trades Council delegates: James Davis, Bruce Dillashaw and George Foster.

Northern District Council delegates: Davis, Dillashaw and Foster.

SWIFT AND COMPANY has been removed from the "We Don't Patronize" list of the California State Federation of Labor.

Anti-Union Burglar(s) In Unrewarding Caper

An anti-union burglar (or burglars) broke into the Easton Building on 13th Street on December 15 ransacked the only two union offices in the eleven story building and after long and arduous labor escaped with only \$15 in cash.

All of the money was taken from the tenth floor office of AFL Commercial Telegraphers 208 but only \$5 was union money. The other \$10 was the Christmas money savings of Bob McElhatton, secretary-treasurer.

The disappointed burglars had even less success in rifling the sixth floor office of the Railroad Credit Union.

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Congressman Hits Speedy Air Trail In Probe of Army

Congressman George P. Miller is back at home this week, having lived the strenuous life since he appeared before the Central Labor Council Monday, November 22, to thank the AFL for its support of his successful campaign for reelection.

For on Sunday, November 28, a week after his CLC talk, Miller and fellow members of the Military Operations Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee climbed on a plane and struck out across the Atlantic. The next day they were in Spain and made a tour of the bases the Americans are building there.

By Friday they were in Rome, which they left Sunday morning, arriving in Wiesbaden, Western Germany, that afternoon, and driving 40 miles to Heidelberg, where for two days they held hearings on the way life insurance has been sold to the American Armed Services personnel in Germany. Then back to Wiesbaden for another day's hearing, and early the next morning, Thursday, off by plane for the United States, arriving in Washington Friday, December 10.

STRENUOUS!

Miller summed it all up rather wearily as follows:

"Twelve days Washington to Washington, three countries, 2 days of inspection of bases, and 4 days of hearings."

Now that he's back home, he's trying to get plane reservations lined up for himself and Mrs. Miller so that he can pull out of Oakland January 3 and be back in Washington the next day to attend the Democratic caucus before the new Congress opens January 5.

In Spain, says Miller, he is beginning to go ahead rapidly on the big bases, now that the master contracts have been let to Spanish firms, and Spanish banks lined up to underwrite the contractors' performance, since there are no surety bonds in Spain.

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HOW TO BUY

Discount Selling 'Plans'

By SYDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Have you come across any of the "club plans" which have been spreading around the country recently? If not, you probably will. They are growing fast.

The way these clubs operate, a merchandise company supplies the "secretary" (one of the women in the club) with a catalog. The club members each pay "dues" into the club's fund, generally \$1 or \$2 a week, select the merchandise they want, and the secretary sends in an order each week from the pooled "dues" for the week.

The company that supplies the merchandise gives each member a premium, and also gives the secretary a premium for each order. For example, in one of the largest plans, a member who pays \$1 a week for 12 weeks gets \$12 worth of any goods she selects, and her choice of a premium claimed to be worth "up to \$3." The secretary also gets a premium worth "up to \$3" with each order.

The idea has an advantage for people who would otherwise buy on installment. You escape any installment fee and the other evils of overcharging you often encounter in the more unscrupulous installment stores. Instead, the members pool their weekly payments and take turns ordering a kind of mutual "layaway" plan.

CHECK THE 'PLAN'

But the premiums offered may or may not reduce the prices of the merchandise itself below what you would pay in the more reasonably-priced stores, discount-houses, co-ops and mail-order catalogs. One "club plan" catalog this department examined, offers "list prices" on electric appliances like vacuum cleaners, etc. Nowadays many stores give outright discounts of 15-25 per cent off the list prices on such goods—not only regular discount houses, but many neighborhood dealers and even some department stores. Also, the consumer co-ops, large mail-order houses and department stores have their own brand of 15-25 per cent from the list prices of nationally-advertised brands. The premiums offered by the "club plan" would bring the list price of "hard goods" to about the same level as prices charged by many cut-price dealers these days.

However, on soft goods like clothing, linens, blankets, etc., the savings claimed by the club plans are more dubious. The prices in the club-plan catalog this department examined, are definitely higher than those of a large mail-order house with which they were compared. For example, a foam-rubber pillow is listed in the club-plan catalog at \$6.98; by the mail-order house, at \$4.88 (30 per cent less). Full-size sheets of the same brand are \$6.98 a pair in the club plan; \$5.28 in the mail-order catalog. A 12-piece towel set is \$6.70 compared to \$4.60. A five per cent wool blanket is \$6.45 in the club catalog; \$2.89 in the mail-order catalog. (Neither of them is worth buying for warmth).

Even considering that the club plan pays all shipping charges, and gives you a premium worth from \$1 to \$3 on a \$12 order, you can still buy the same soft goods in some cases for less, and in other instances for the same money, from retailers who operate on

lower-than-usual markups, or at department store sales.

SHOP CAREFULLY

This is not said to depreciate the club plan, but to point out that the claimed savings are better on some goods than others, and in general need to be compared carefully as to what you would pay at any other retailer or catalog. Of course the secretary of the club does also get a break since she collects the equivalent of 20 per cent (in merchandise) on the members' purchases.

The club plan, actually is another way merchandise sellers are getting around the Fair Trade laws by which manufacturers set the retail prices on products. This year has seen discount selling so widespread, especially during the Christmas season, that in some merchandise lines, Fair Trade laws are dying on their feet, except chiefly in drug stores where most pharmacists still refuse to make any price reductions on Fair-Trade drugs and medicines—not even on those expensive antibiotics parents have to pay for their children. But except for drugs, even department stores have started meeting the discounts offered by independent retailers who operate on low expense margins. Such giant department stores as Hudson's in Detroit; Shillito in Cincinnati; Six, Bear & Fuller, Scruggs and Famous-Barr in St. Louis, A. & S. and Macy's in New York, have all cut prices on toys, appliances and other goods in recent weeks. The lower prices, of course, both benefit consumer and stimulate industrial employment since the public is able to buy more goods. Even retailers themselves are beginning to admit the Fair Trade laws may be both unfair and unworkable. Recently Retailing Home-Furnishings trade paper, pointed out that if merchants have the right to buy at the lowest price they can get, why not consumers? When merchants go out to buy, they look for specials, discounts and deals, Retailing pointed out.

In fact, the U. S. Justice Department itself is reported to be planning to propose that Congress outlaw the Fair Trade laws, which often have been criticized as being in restraint of trade. Once consumers have the same right to shop for a bargain as retailers have, they won't have to resort to club plans or look for a discount house to squeeze some of the excessive pricing out of nationally-advertised merchandise.

Christmas Gift to 450 Pullman Men: Laid Off!

Two days after Christmas 450 workers in the Pullman Co. Richmond shops will be laid off "for a month," the company announces, saying that business so bad they can't keep 'em on. They "hope" business will improve.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

ALONG ABOUT NOW, when we've got this Christmas all wrapped up, both literally and figuratively, we are often in the mood of old Scrooge before his conversion.

Why all this fuss and bother? Why do we put ourselves through this nerve-racking process every year?

Our feet ache. Our backs ache. Our pocketbooks are full of nothing but empty pain!

Is Christmas worth it, we ask cynically.

The answer our hearts give is "Yes! It is!"

It is true that we've got far too materialistic about Christmas. It is true that many of us are too much inclined to think of the gift rather than the thought behind it.

But without Christmas, what would the year be?

We could make Christmas a lot better. We could put the emphasis on love and faith rather than upon turkeys and toys.

We could think more of the song of the Angels, rather than about the gifts of the Magi.

But with all its faults, Christmas is the high point of our year. We look toward it for many months. For many months we look back upon it.

It is our great and blessed holiday. Let's never give up Christmas!

AFL Teachers to Urge \$4000 Minimum Salary

SACRAMENTO — A minimum salary of \$4,000 a year, non-discriminatory hiring of teachers with regard to race, color, age, sex or creed, and other proposals which the AFL California Federation of Teachers plans to present to the next session of the state legislature, will be highlighted at the federation's annual convention to be held in the Sacramento hotel here (December 27, 28 and 29) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Ben Rust, of 781 Ventura St., Richmond, president of the teachers federation, announced a convention program that will include addresses by Congressman John Moss of Sacramento and by Franklin Williams, regional director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

1,783,545 Stayed Away From Polls November 2

The lowest percentage of registered voters since 1948 cast their ballots in the November general election, Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan announces.

The percentage of registered voters casting ballots in general elections has run this way: 1954, 69.89%; 1952, 86.85%; 1950, 73.32%; 1948, 82.95%.

A total of 4,101,692 voted in November. This means that 1,783,545 of the 5,895,237 eligible voters stayed home on election day.

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Assembly Unit Asks Crown Recount; Lincoln-Smith Battle Intensifies

The Assembly Elections Committee, sitting in Los Angeles, has recommended to the Assembly that a recount of the ballots in Alameda county's 14th Assembly District race be made.

The request for the recount was made by Robert Crown, Democrat, who on the face of the count lost by 54 votes to incumbent Republican Randal F. Dickey.

It has been assumed that Crown if seated in the Assembly will vote for Assemblyman Luther H. Lincoln, Republican, of the 15th District in Alameda county, for Speaker of the Assembly. The scrap between those supporting the candidacy of Lincoln and those for Glenade Republic, H. Allen Smith, has been intensifying. It has gotten tangled up with a dispute between East Bay and San Francisco over the proposed new bridge.

At least Mayor Elmer E. Robinson of San Francisco declares that the bridge issue is involved. Robinson has come out for Smith against Lincoln on the ground that Lincoln was opposed to the southern crossing, and that, moreover, Assemblyman Thomas W. Caldecott of the 18th District in Alameda county is expected again to be chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, which means, says Robinson, that Alameda county would have so much control in the Assembly that legislation adverse to San Francisco might pass.

Lincoln, who has the support of most of the AFL as his labor record, though not wonderful, is felt to be much better than Smith's, contends that "the effort to revive the controversy over a new crossing of the Bay and inject it into the contest for Speaker of the Assembly is irresponsible and completely unwarranted."

Lincoln is backed by the Knowland forces, and Smith by those friendly to Vice President Nixon, so it is generally assumed that one reason the battle over the Speaker-ship is so hot is because fight for control of the California delegation to the 1956 Republican convention is indirectly involved. Knowland and Nixon are generally considered rivals for the 1956 nomination for the Presidency if Mr. Eisenhower decides not to run again.

Lincoln in his insistence that the southern crossing scrap should not be dug up points out that Smith voted against the money needed for a survey to determine the feasibility of constructing the southern crossing.

One prominent labor man supporting Smith is Anthony F. Bal-

lerini of the Production Machinists in San Francisco.

"Smith told me," Ballerini has been quoted in the daily press as saying, "that labor would be given a fair break" if Smith were made Speaker. But Ballerini denies a widespread report that Smith promised Ballerini labor would have control of three important Assembly committees if Smith were made Speaker.

Telephone Show to Put On Coney Island Songs

Coney Island, in the years 1910-1920, was the testing ground for songwriters. If a song went over big there, it was sure to be a success in New York.

Some of the more popular of these tunes will be on Pacific Telephone's "This is Your Music" this week. The half-hour show will be seen and heard Thursday, December 30. It will be on station KPXX-TV, (Channel 5) at 7:00 p.m.

Among the songs to be heard will be "After You've Gone," "If I Had My Way," "Put Your Arms Around Me" and "For Me and My Gal," said Dae Brown, telephone district manager here.

Drew Pearson reports that Senator Knowland isn't really down on Eisenhower, but he hates Nixon: "he's so bitter against his fellow Californian that he will automatically oppose anything Nixon favors. Since the Vice President is the 'Voice-of-Ike' on Capitol Hill, this has the psychological effect of putting Knowland at odds with the Administration on almost every issue."

Pearson adds that Knowland figures Ike may not run again, and that he, Knowland, may be nominated as the leading conservative. "This explains why Knowland declined comment recently as to whether Ike should be drafted."

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FROM THE EDITOR TO THE LADIES:

700 WIVES of dock workers in Britain read in the paper that their husbands were making a certain amount per week.

The men had been telling their wives they made much less than that.

They had so much trouble explaining the discrepancy to their wives that they went on strike, demanding that the newspaper publish a correction. But the editor insisted he was correct in his original story.

So the dockers got the chairman of the employers' association to issue a statement that the men didn't get that much pay per week.

WHAT'S SIGNIFICANT about it, though, is that the episode once more brought out the fact that British workmen on the whole never tell their wives how much they earn. Husband hands wife some money to run the household, and the rest is his. How much it is he just doesn't tell.

A report based on a survey made recently shows that less than half the women in Britain know how much their husbands make. When they are asked to guess, from what their husbands have told them, they guess about 15 percent under actual wages.

A similar survey in this country would surely bring out the fact that most American women know exactly what their husbands make, and not only that, but a great many of them handle the total budget for the family.

IN FACT, not long ago an amusing cartoon was published, showing a man, having handed his unpaid pay envelope to his wife, saying:

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Need Pipefitters For Arabia Work

By JIM MARTIN

The Bechtel Corporation has notified this business office that due to the Far East situation, work has been held up temporarily on their Korean projects. When additional information is received it will be published in this paper.

However, Mr. Hank Williams, Industrial Relations Director for the Bechtel Corporation, has informed our office of the need of six refinery pipefitters and four instrument pipefitters for work in Saudi Arabia. These men must be capable of working from prints and drawings on the installation and construction of refinery units. Men to be considered must be between the ages of 26 and 50. However the company will not exclude qualified men, who are a little beyond the age of 50. Anyone who is interested in this work should contact Mr. Hank Williams either by telephone at DOuglas 2-4032 or in person at 150 Sansome Street, San Francisco. The office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The business agents, Lou Kovacevich and Jim O'Donnell, the office girls and the writer wish to extend to the membership, the labor movement and to their friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmakers Still Picketing Store

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

About all we have to report this week is that we are still picketing John Carbone in Burlingame, and inasmuch as it is the time of the year when stores remain open in the evening, we have a long shift. Therefore, there is no other outside activity.

We wish to extend to each and everyone, our wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Phone Company's Holiday Festival

Bulging Christmas stockings for tiny patients at the East Bay Children's Hospital. That's the target of 23 Corte Madera telephone girls, says a Pacific Telephone press release.

They have stuffed and dressed close to 150 rag and plastic dolls, and collected assorted toys for the boys which will be taken to the Hospital at 5105 Dover Street, Oakland, Monday (December 20).

The idea originated last September, with Mrs. Pearl Pine, of 64 Madrone Avenue in Larkspur. She passed it along to the other operators.

"The Night Before Christmas" and the "Story of the Nativity" was told on television again this year by Mabel Beaton's Marionettes.

The half-hour show was on Station KPX-TV, (Channel 5) at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, (December 23) said Dave Brown, telephone district manager here.

93,000 Filed Jobless Claims During November

An average of 23,300 claimants per week filed for unemployment insurance benefits in California during November. This means that more than 93,000 claims were filed during the month.

These more than 93,000 claims during November of this year contrast with the less than 77,000 claims filed in November a year ago, and with more than 79,000 in October of this year.

State Employment Director William A. Burkett says in giving out the weekly figures says that "This year's 18 percent increase in claims load between October and November" are due to seasonal factors.

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Theatrical Union In Xmas Greetings

By JOE CONNELLY

In keeping with the season we wish to dispense with our regular column except for one brief message: The officers and members of Theatrical Employees Union Local B-82 I.A.T.S.E. wish to extend a Very Merry Christmas to patrons of the various motion picture houses, auditoriums, dance halls, ball park and other forms of amusement who by their continued patronage have provided jobs for us throughout the year.

Printers Auxiliary To Meet on January 6

By Muriel J. Pfaffenberger

Press Correspondent

The regular meeting of Printers W. A. No. 26 is to be held at the home of Mrs. Minerva Feeney, 3233 Randolph Avenue on Thursday, January 6, 1955. Phone ANdover 1-1619.

Business meeting starts at 10:30 and will be followed by luncheon. Muriel Pfaffenberger is chairman so would appreciate a call from those planning on attending.

Our Christmas season has been saddened by death. Mrs. Vera Peterson has our sympathy in the loss of her husband Herman, a member of Typographical Union No. 36 and Mrs. Alma Strong in losing her mother-in-law. Our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Strong.

Election Ordered At Friden Plant

The National Labor Relations Board by a 3-2 vote has reversed its previous stand and has decided to grant a single election for craft severance of tool and die makers at the plants of the Friden and Marchant calculating machine companies within the next thirty days.

The coming election was prompted by the breakdown of the renegade Tool and Die Makers Independent Union from IAM Tool and Die Makers Local 1176, AFL.

Ike's Classmate To Be Postmaster

Col. Charles C. Herrick, classmate of General Eisenhower at West Point, was recommended this week for Postmaster of Oakland by Republican Senators Knowland and Kuchel.

Herrick will succeed Charles R. Gainer, Acting Postmaster since April, 1953, who has been named a director of the new Regional Postoffice in San Francisco.

AFL Has Sanction Now Against Station KPX

The Central Labor Council executive committee this week granted strike sanction to the Radio & Television Artists Union against Station KPX.

The action enables the AFL group legally to observe the picket lines of the striking CIO technicians at the station.

Charlotte Cohelan, executive secretary of the AFL local, said co-operative action of the CIO and AFL groups against the station, such as they have been following in the strike against KEAR, was being considered.

Funeral Rite Held For Bob Greenock of Guild

The funeral was held Saturday of Bob Greenock, 47, who until the time he suffered a stroke two and a half years ago was working as an international organizer for the CIO Newspaper Guild. He is survived by his wife, Annabelle, who formerly worked in the San Francisco headquarters of the Guild, and who has been devotedly caring for him ever since he was taken ill.



Clerks and Lumber Handlers 939

Commencing January 1, 1955, dues will be increased 50 cents per month.

The next regular meeting of this Local will be held on Friday, January 14, 1955 in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Your union officials wish to take this opportunity to extend to all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,
JOSEPH BOTELHO, JR.,
Financial Secretary

Sheet Metal Workers 216

Death Assessment No. 366 is now due and payable. Brother Richard Bremer, No. 187868, a member of Local No. 216, passed away on November 12, 1954.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

Plasterers 112

The local Apprenticeship Committee of Plasterers reported at its last meeting that it is now possible to have a brush-up course in plastering and cornice work if we can get 15 or more journeymen interested in attending. The course will run for 10 weeks (a 3-hour session one night a week).

Those who are interested in attending this course should contact the office of this Local Union and register. Arrangements must be made soon for the next school year.

Notice is hereby given of a change in the Working Rules of Local No. 112 to take effect September 1, 1955.

Article 1, Section 16—All exterior cement plaster work applied over wire lath shall be three coat work. The first coat shall be cross scratched. The second coat shall be rodged to an even surface. The third coat shall be applied as a Dash or Trowel coat. BUT IN NO CASE SHALL THE THIRD COAT BE A BRUSH COAT OR WASH. The scratch coat may be omitted over concrete. Concrete surface must be grouted.

Fraternally,
GEORGE WHITTON,
Secretary-Treasurer

Hayward Painters 1178

The next meeting of the Local dated Friday January 7, 1955 will no doubt be held in the new Carpenters Local 1622 building located at 1540 Mattox Road, Hayward. You will receive a postal card from this office that will verify or make any change of our next meeting. Also watch the Journal.

Following the last meeting of December 17 the fifty or sixty members in attendance enjoyed a Turkey Dinner with all of the trimmings prepared by Mrs. Wm. Stubblefield. Could she have seen how fast the food disappeared and heard the expressions of pleasure about her cooking she would have been pleased. There was nothing left, only the bones. Please accept our thanks for that most good dinner Mrs. Stubblefield.

The Fifth Annual Christmas Party of the Local held in the Burbank Elementary School the night of December 18 for the children of the members went off without a hitch.

The youngsters can give you plenty of skilled entertainment now-a-days. Most of them can do it like veterans. Those who go into the lineup to meet Santa Claus and receive their presents can and do give you plenty of entertainment, too. When they unwrap their presents their ohs and ahs come from the hearts.

What a job the Christmas Party Committee members and their wives had in buying, wrapping and the final set up of many items a few hours before the party hour. They put in many hours of their time in the almost two months previous to the party.

We all, give you all, our sincere thanks in appreciation of your efforts that have again made a successful Christmas party for the children.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

ADVANCE REGISTRATIONS

for a number of winter term evening shop classes at Technical Adult School, Broadway at 42nd Street, are being accepted daily according to Henning Edlund, principal. Office hours during the Christmas holidays are from 8:00 to 4:30 p.m. daily Monday through Thursday.

EARL WARREN, Chief Justice of the U.S., home for the holidays plans to spend some time duck hunting with his sons James, Earl Jr., and Robert.

JOSEPH GANTZ, a member of Boilermakers 39, died in Concord on December 17 at age 66 leaving his widow, Marie.

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Workers 595, died in Knoxville, Tenn. on December 20. He was 48. Brother Doyle, who moved to Knoxville from Oakland only six months ago, is survived by his widow, Violet; his father, C. D. Pierce Sr. of Oakland; and his mother, Mrs. William Gill of San Ysidro.

calls for the Alameda county health department hereafter will get \$3.25 per visit instead of former \$2.70. In San Francisco 900 registered nurses in 10 hospitals will get \$12 more per month, bringing minimum entrance wage to \$300 a month, instead of the former \$288. Nurses in Alameda county get \$285.

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OPINIONS

BOB CROWN

Editor, Labor Journal:

I read with interest your article concerning me in the December 10 issue of East Bay Labor Journal. I want to correct some of the statements attributed to me in a talk before the Democratic Luncheon Forum at the Showboat Restaurant in Oakland on December 2, 1954.

You wrote that I said, "In fact, the political reporter for a certain big Republican paper rushed in and told me, 'Don't concede, You're 41.'" I did not make this statement.

You also report that I said, "So here's a candidate just a few years out of law school who's fighting hard for the Democrats and finds the Republicans feeling that the fate of the Assembly speakership and control of the California delegation to the Republican National convention of 1956 hangs on him." This is partly true and partly incorrect. The quote should have been, "I find Republicans interested in my election because of my preference for one of the speakership candidates."

It would be presumptuous and incorrect for me to assert that I in any way might have something to do with the Republican National Convention. In the interest of accuracy I would appreciate your printing this letter in your next issue.

Sincerely,
ROBERT W. CROWN
Dec. 16, 1954

Editor's Note: If it is convenient for Mr. Crown to have his disclaimer published, we are glad to do so, withholding any comment as to the reliability of his memory.

YORTY

Now that the campaign is over, I feel we can look back with satisfaction on the progress made by our Party in spite of difficulties which proved temporarily insurmountable.

I am deeply grateful to you for the part you played in the campaign. It is my hope that our pleasant association can be maintained in the future and that I will have opportunity to continue to work with you toward a Democratic victory.

Sincerely,
SAMUEL W. YORTY
P. S. Mrs. Yorty joins me in wishing you and yours a real happy Holiday season.
Dec. 14, 1954

COEXISTENCE

Too many Englishmen think that pleasant chats must lead to lasting agreements, too many Americans that warlike howls are an answer to basic problems. Policy is something more than the smiles of European diplomats, however clever, or the scowls of American Senators, however virtuous. If there were real leadership on either side of the Atlantic, it would find a way to explain these simple truths and remove three-quarters of the needless mutual mistrust.—Hugh Seton-Watson in Manchester Guardian.

LABOR UNITY

"I believe that neither the CIO nor the AFL can lay down any preconditions as to the terms upon which organic unity can be achieved. If we were, either of us, to lay down preconditions, then I think that would be a guarantee that labor unity cannot be achieved.—David McDonald, president, CIO Steel Workers.

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The present tax system was conceived by Karl Marx to liquidate the middle class.—Kenneth R. Fearing, vice president, National Association of Manufacturers.

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Editorials

Is a Union a Labor Project, Or Branch of Big Business?

The Studebaker Corporation has been found by the NLRB not guilty of unfair labor practices in suspending 19 workers who drove cars other than Studebakers. The board unanimously upheld a field examiner's finding that the company suspended the workers not because they owned other makes of cars but because their fellow employees refused to work alongside them.

Here's a related matter: pick up an issue of Labor, the weekly published by a group of railroad unions, and you find bitter criticism of the Post Office for instituting the Pacific Coast 3-cent airlift, alongside articles telling how much better rail transportation is than truck transportation; but pick up a Teamster paper and you find sharp cracks against rail transportation.

In these cases union members or officials are strenuously identifying their interests with those of the specific company or general industry in which their union people are employed.

These cases raise a question: is a union simply a branch of the particular business or industry in which its members are employed? Or is a union part of a general movement to uplift the condition of all workers and to improve social and economic conditions in the nation as a whole?

Take the Studebaker case. Here the workers in the Studebaker plant belong to the same union as the workers in the General Motors plant or the Ford plant—the CIO-UAW. Is the Studebaker local of the union to be considered a business rival of the General Motors local and the Ford local?

We now have competition between trucks, trains, and planes. If you drive a truck, is it part of your duty as a good union man to hate trains and planes? And vice versa, if you're a train or plane man?

The thing applies to entire federations, too. When the St. Lawrence Seaway was being discussed, the AFL for a time was against it, because the AFL had the jurisdiction over the bulk of the workers in the old ports along the Atlantic seaboard. The CIO, on the other hand, favored the project because it had jurisdiction over the steelworkers and others in plants in the Midwest which would be benefited by the rise of new ports in the interior.

The true goals of labor unions, surely, are union security, union wages, union conditions, union political activity to protect and extend those wages and conditions and that security. But if we go much farther along the road toward becoming a mere branch of whatever company, plant, or industry our people happen to be in—very soon they won't be "our people" at all, but stooges and catspaws of "particular business concerns."

All these developments indicate that many of us in the labor movement have no fundamental philosophy of the labor movement—we are just imitation business men. No wonder we get confused in the field of politics when we have so immature an attitude in our primary economic field.

Immoderate Doubledirectionism

How long can the GOP Administration get away with this trick of having Secretary of Labor Mitchell attack the open shop-laws of States, which are wrongly called right-to-work laws, and then have the President tell his press conference casually that it's all right for Mr. Mitchell to talk that way, but he, Ike, hasn't made up his mind?

The Taft-Hartley Act accepts the union shop as national policy, but authorizes the States to exterminate the union shops if they wish to do so. Seventeen States have already done it.

Mr. Eisenhower told his press conference recently that it is a sort of a paradox to have the Taft-Hartley Act do these two opposite things. Labor considers it worse than a paradox, labor considers it an outrage.

It's worse than a paradox, too, to have the Secretary of Labor riding one of these two horses in the T-H Act, riding it in the direction of declared national policy, and to have Ike sitting paralyzed on the other horse, admitting he doesn't know whether to ride in the direction of national policy, or toward the chaos of State dog-eat-doggism.

Ike lately announced that his general policy is "moderate progressivism." Seems more like immoderate doubledirectionism.

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AFL Group, City Managers to Meet For Talk on Auto Mechanics' Wages

A local AFL delegation has scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, December 29, with Oakland City Manager Wayne Thompson for the purpose of working out uniform rates and working conditions for auto mechanics employed by the city.

The delegation will include Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council; John J. King, Grand Lodge Representative of the International Association of Machinists in charge of the Oakland Regional Office; and Bud Williams, assistant business representative of Automotive Machinists 1546.

Specifically, the labor representatives will discuss with Thompson complaints of discrimination against mechanics here or in neighboring communities, receive virtually the same retirement and sick leave benefits in addition to their wages.

The 22 unionists contend that they were overlooked in the recent raise granted to most of this city's employees. They contend that their present wages are below the scale paid to other Oakland employees who do similar work, and below the scale paid to auto mechanics employed in neighboring communities such as San Francisco, Berkeley, Richmond and San Leandro.

According to statistics dug up by Williams, the Oakland auto mechanics at the corporation yard earn \$92 a week compared to \$103.50 a week paid to San Francisco auto mechanics who perform duties identical to those of their Oakland counterparts. Even auto mechanics in the employ of the

City of Oakland receive approximately \$108 a week, he added.

Williams also pointed out that the sharp differential in wages paid to city-employed auto mechanics was not due to any special added benefits received by the lower-paid mechanics. The fact is, he said, that all city-employed auto mechanics, here or in neighboring communities, receive virtually the same retirement and sick leave benefits in addition to their wages.

Increased penalties for violations of unemployment insurance regulation are also proposed by Burkett. These penalties would include postponement and cancellation of benefits.

Chiseling by fraudulent claimants will run up to \$31 millions this year, Burkett's research chief, George Roche, told the committee. Burkett estimated that since 1938 chiseling has amounted to a total of \$200 millions.

Hayward Postmaster In Love With Junk Mail

Anthony J. Foster, Democrat Postmaster of Hayward, has taken the San Francisco Chronicle, Republican, to task for attacking junk mail.

"There is no such thing as junk mail," Foster wrote indignantly to the newspaper.

He contends the unaddressed mail has been no extra burden to the letter carriers. They are only allowed to carry so much at a time, he says, and if they have to work extra they get overtime.

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Beeson Has Done His Evil, So He's Leaving the NLRB

Labor's Daily, the International Typographical Union's daily labor newspaper, carried on the front page of its December 16 issue a fitting epitaph on the retirement of Albert C. Beeson as a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

The two-column headline declared "Beeson Has Done His Job of Evil, So He's Leaving."

Beeson, a former personnel manager for a San Jose machinery and chemical corporation, completed ten months as an NLRB member. His nomination for the post last February 18 created a furor in Congress following his testimony before the Senate Labor Committee.

Before his confirmation by the Senate on a 45 to 42 vote, Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind.-Ore.) reminded the Senate that the six Democrats on the Labor Committee said they did not have "confidence in the veracity, reliability and integrity of the nominee."

According to Labor's Daily, Beeson's contribution to the NLRB helped narrow the board's "jurisdictional standards" to such an extent that it "deprived hundreds of thousands of workers of federal protection, throwing them into either a 'no-man's land' or putting them under usually more restrictive state laws."

The ITU daily listed some of the anti-labor decisions Beeson helped to decide with his vote on the 5-man board.

For example, in the 3-2 Blue Flash Express decision, reports the Daily, Beeson joined in ruling an employer can question workers about union activities without violating the law. This had been prohibited from the time of the Wagner Act.

Another case was the 3-2 ruling in the Lion Oil matter in which Beeson helped write a no-strike clause into union contracts in a new interpretation of the 60-day notice clause.

Still another major NLRB change which Beeson helped push through was the 3-2 decision reversing the strict policy protecting a union for the first year after certification from petitions for elections filed by rival unions.

Making no bones about where they stood regarding Beeson, Labor's Daily quotes the following immortal lines of Shakespeare under its headline:

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Commonwealth Club and T-H; Labor Man Says Unionists Neglect a Duty

A San Francisco labor union official read the story published in East Bay Labor Journal recently about the way the Commonwealth Club voted on the Taft Hartley Law. In that story it was stated that East Bay Labor Journal was writing to ask the Commonwealth Club for a full report of the vote.

The S. F. labor man writes to the editor of the East Bay Labor Journal: "I am sure the Commonwealth Club will send you this report. However, you are welcome to mine. I am a member of the disident minority."

"Sometime we might discuss the state of the Commonwealth Club. The apparent indifference of labor representatives in maintaining active club membership is one of the things wrong."

"Only one union officer attended the lunch where Victor Feather spoke, so far as I could see. 'I don't think we should do too much crying about the club unless we are willing to take some responsibility for presenting our position and supporting it.'"

CLUB COURTEOUS

Also Stuart R. Ward, executive secretary of the Commonwealth Club, wrote to East Bay Labor Journal very courteously, sending the full report of the vote on Taft Hartley, and stating that this labor paper is being put on the mailing list for all such data in the future on the various subjects taken up by the club.

Following are some of the questions on which the members voted, and how they voted:

Do you favor repeal of All of the Act except those sections derived from the prior National Labor Relations Act (the Wagner Act)? Yes 79, NO 797.

Should the powers of the National Labor Relations Board be retained as now defined in the Act? YES 526, NO 219.

Should the powers of the board with respect to representation elections be transferred to the States? YES 175, NO 584.

Should the Act be amended to permit States to exercise authority over strikes in public utilities? YES 607, NO 212.

Should the Act be amended to provide that in all cases (as well as at present, in national emergency strikes); there should be a supervised strike vote before a strike is called? YES 623, NO 171.

Should the Act be amended to permit a closed shop? YES 96 NO 685.

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